

**Collin County  
Parks Foundation Advisory Board**

**Minutes  
January 8, 2015**

**Item No. 1**     Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. with the following members present: Nancy Joslin (Chair), Brian Dale, Mark Palmer, Larry Offerdahl, and Stephen Kallas. Ken Roberts arrived shortly after the meeting began. Members not present: Greg Myer, Ron Hodges and Jerry Kezhaya. Collin County staff present: Jeff Durham and Teresa Nelson. Guests: none.

**Item No. 2**     Election of chair and vice-chair for 2015

The board briefly discussed how well Nancy led the board last year and inquired as to her pleasure to serve again. She commented that she'd allow anyone else who wanted to serve to feel free to speak up. Mark made a motion to elect Nancy as chair, with a second by Larry and the motion passed unanimously. Nancy accepted the members support to serve as chair. Nancy made a motion to elect Mark as vice-chair, with a second by Larry and the motion passed unanimously.

Brief introductions were made for the new board member, Stephen Kallas.

**Item No. 3**     Approval of September 11, 2014, Minutes

The board took a moment to review the minutes. Larry made a motion to approve, second by Mark, which passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4**     Update of the Project Funding Assistance Program 5<sup>th</sup> Series, 2007 Bond

The board was provided with the spreadsheets for all the series. Jeff stated that nine projects required an interlocal agreement with eight of the nine having been returned (still waiting on the City of Frisco). The Town of Prosper informed County their land purchase should finalize by end of the month.

**Item No. 5**     Discussion and any action regarding 2015 Goals

After a brief discussion of the previous year's goals, the following were approved with a motion from Larry, second by Brian, which passed unanimously:

2015 Goals:

1. Continue efforts to ensure all entities know about the Project Funding Assistance Program, reaching out to smaller communities and qualified non-profits to offer assistance;
2. Accept applications and present funding recommendations for the Parks and Open Space Project Funding Assistance Program;
3. Review the Parks/Open Space section of the County website for accuracy and updates throughout the course of the year;
4. Schedule meetings with interested entities to hear updates and/or needs.

**Item No. 6** Discussion of the email distribution of quarterly progress reports (if any) and discuss the status of funded projects through the Project Funding Assistance Program

The following provided progress reports: Letter from Prosper (explanation of 4B); The Nature Conservancy (Parkhill Prairie); Blackland Prairie Raptor Center; City of Wylie (Municipal Complex Hike and Bike Trail); City of Allen (Construction of Cottonwood Creek hike/bike Trail); City of Allen (Six Cities Regional Trail – Cumberland Crossing); City of Allen (Design of Cottonwood Creek hike/bike trail); Trinity Trail Preservation Association (Sycamore tree); Trinity Trail Preservation Association (Trail Renovations); City of Richardson (University Trail Phase II); The Nature Conservancy (Parkhill Prairie); City of Allen (Design of Cottonwood Creek hike/bike trail); City of Allen (Construction of Cottonwood Creek hike/bike trail); City of Allen (Six Cities Regional Trail – Cumberland Crossing); City of Wylie (Municipal; Complex Hike/Bike Trail).

Larry asked about the letter from the Town of Prosper regarding their decision to not use the 4B tax. Their letter explains the Town’s decision to utilize the 4B tax “to provide annual property tax reduction to the community”. The board briefly discussed the pros and cons, but agreed it is ultimately the decision of the Town.

A discussion began regarding the existing/outstanding projects. Jeff explained the end result of the Arts of Collin County project and how the trail built on the property was deeded to the City of Allen. He advised the board that the City of Anna has outstanding project(s). Jeff recommended that the board consider reviewing funded projects and requesting entities to attend a meeting to address concerns. The board was in agreement.

Jeff updated the board regarding the City of Murphy (Murphy Central Park) project funded in 2011 (2<sup>nd</sup> Series). Jeff reminded the board their project is complete, and came in under budget, with the county reimbursing the city \$233,395.60 leaving a balance of \$166,604. The interlocal agreement lists the elements funded, and County cannot reimburse toward elements funded by TPWD. Jeff, Bill Bilyeu, Commissioner Williams and city staff met before Christmas. The city would like to use the balance toward other qualifying expenses. Commissioner Williams is supportive, and staff is still waiting on Murphy to respond.

**Item No. 7** Possible future agenda items

- Review of funded projects and get an update from city/entity;
- Staff to invite City of Anna to provide first update on funded projects;
- Application packet review

**Item No. 8** Adjourn

Ken motioned to adjourn, second by Mark. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.